Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Their stations have no choice but to air the anti-Kerry propoganda just because Sinclair is getting worried that Kerry has a chance to win the election. Sinclair is a strong supporter of Bush financially and has something to lose if Kerry is elected. This is not what the FCC intended when the rules were set up. TV is not serving the PUBLIC when this sort of propoganda is allowed to go unleashed. The FCC must stop this irreverent use of the airwaves NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media

ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.